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Saluting in crowds: In public gatherings when a salute would be inappropriate or impractical, salutes between individuals need not be rendered. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)



News Briefs

Veteran's day ceremony

The wing celebrates Veteran's Day today at 11 a.m. at Memorial Park, located by the base's main gate. Attire is the uniform of the day and the guest speaker is Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander.

Promotions to E-9

The Air Force 2003 chief master sergeant promotion board has selected 526 senior master sergeants for promotion to the service's highest enlisted rank. The promotion list was released Wednesday.

The board, considered 2,649 senior master sergeants and selected 19.86 percent.

Team Eifel congratulates the following 52nd Fighter Wing senior master sergeants selected for promotion.

They are: **Mark Blake**, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands; **Jeffrey Bingman**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; **Dennis Howe**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Monte Malek**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Frazier Speaks**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **James Erwin**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Curtis Burton**, Airborne Early Warning Component Operating-Location E, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen, Germany; **Jeffrey Slocum**, Allied Forces North Europe, Brunssum, Netherlands.



Training day closures

Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, deemed Monday an official wing training day. Many base services will be closed on this day. Also, a mandatory wing-wide run starts at 4 p.m. at the base fitness center.

Spread-the-Word

The Spread-the-Word visit has changed to Monday at the following times and locations.

- Executive briefing in Spangdahlem AB building 23, wing conference room.
- Mass briefing in base theater from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Meeting is mandatory for all officers.
- Mass briefing II in base theater from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Rated Officer briefing in base theater from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

No paper Nov. 28

There will be no Eifel Times on Nov. 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. The submission deadline for the Nov. 21 edition is this Wednesday.

Can do!

Wing officials urge families living in military housing to properly dispose of recyclables and end the era of overflowing trash bins.

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Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle

Exercise 'Ouch!'

A Deutsche Rotes Kreuz medic treats 9th-grade Bitburg High School student Ereet Grubbs, who suffers from a simulated compound fracture in his right arm. The student was one of many who participated in the 52nd Fighter Wing's Mass Accident Response Exercise on Bitburg Annex. See and read more about it in "Triage teamwork: Exercise tests German/American emergency response," on Page 5.

Team Eifel members garner congressional recognition

National award honors goal achievement, volunteerism

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

In a formal award ceremony scheduled for Nov. 14, Spangdahlem Air Base wing members will receive the U.S. Congressional Award. The voluntary award program is open to candidates ages 14-23 who set and achieve goals to build character, foster community service, personal development and citizenship. The Congressional Award, established in 1979, doesn't receive federal funding. It's the first and only award for youth legislated by the U.S. Congress.

The 14 recipients of the Congressional Award at Spangdahlem AB will be:

Airman 1st Class Joseph Nelson, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, bronze, silver medals, bronze silver, gold certificates; **Airman 1st Class Mandingo Alfred**, 52 AMXS, bronze, silver medals, bronze, silver, gold certificates; **Airman 1st Class Michael Brick**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, bronze medal, bronze, silver, gold certificates; **Airman 1st Class Rodney Williams**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, bronze, silver, gold certificates; **Airman 1st Class Amanda Witt**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, bronze medal, bronze, silver, gold certificates; **Airman 1st Class Courtney Sapp**, 606th Air Control Squadron, bronze medal, bronze, silver and gold certificates; **Airman 1st Class Scott Morin**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, certificate pending; **Airman 1st Class Andrea Matusky**, 52nd Medical Support Squadron, certificates pending; **Airman 1st Class Odis Tucci**, 52nd EMXS, certificate pending; **Heather Stevens**, bronze medal, bronze, silver and gold certi-



Airman 1st Class Joseph Nelson, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons loadcrew member, sorts through the more than 140 letters he received from U.S. citizens while he was deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. The airman corresponded with each of the letter writers, which included elementary school students who were curious about what it's like to serve in the military.

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USAFE series puts programs to 'combat' test

By Maj. Melinda Morgan
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

"Combat Programs" are all the buzz, but is it just another buzz phrase?

No, Combat Programs are about Team Eifel members. There are twelve programs, each designed to leverage the power of U.S. Air Forces in Europe to improve readiness and quality of life.

In the upcoming weeks the Combat Program series will offer a closer look as to how Team Eifel members can better their lives, personally and professionally.

While some of the programs may already sound familiar, the summaries and primary goals of each are as follows:

Combat Education removes barriers and allows airmen to pursue advanced education.

Combat Flightline enhances our flying operations by ensuring the best people are in the right jobs and our resources are applied in the most efficient and effective way.

Combat Touch innovatively infuses enthusiasm in wing members to pursue spiritual matters through active participation in a variety of programs.

Combat Intro/Exit further streamlines in-processing and out-processing procedures and minimizes the stress of changing stations.

Combat Fitness puts Team Eifel members in line with the new Air Force fitness standards by making it part of their culture.

Combat Proud is driven to foster pride in the appearance of the base at all levels.

Combat Nighthawk develops leadership skills and increases operational awareness among company grade officers and senior non-commissioned officers.

Combat Care will be focused on taking care of families of our deployed personnel.

Hidden Heroes are the volunteers who enhance life and make things easier for the wing and community agencies. The program strives to recognize these important people and increase volunteer participation.

Project Cheer recognizes the need to create an environment of energy and enthusiasm for airmen, especially during the holiday season and winter months.

Customer College delivers training, resources, tools and initial skills required for customer service professionals to provide care that exceeds customer expectations.

Project Wizard aims to inspire Team Eifel members to study and explore by way of wing libraries and their resources. The full spectrum of resources and programs at the libraries will be maximized to educate customers and broaden their horizons.

Stayed tuned to find out more about each of these programs and learn how Team Eifel members can tailor them to their needs.



Staff Sgt. Karen Z. Silcott

Almost there ...

Bitburg Annex's new gate, located at the B-50 roundabout east of the French caserne near the Bitburg Annex auto hobby shop, is scheduled to open within the next couple of weeks. According to 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron officials it was constructed to help improve the commute between Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem Air Base by shortening travel times.

Driving too fast for conditions ends in sudden stops, injuries

Blocked views and driving too fast on wet roads resulted in five Team Eifel members in losing their rides this past week.

A senior airman reported that his car hydroplaned on L-34 near Heidweiler, causing him to lose control of his vehicle and slide into a ditch. Security forces who reported to the scene smelled alcohol on the airman's breath and arrested him. Security forces didn't conduct a field sobriety test on the airman because he wasn't able to stand. Various charges against the airman are pending. The passenger, who experienced severe neck and back pain, was transported to the Bitburg Annex hospital for treatment.

An airman first class overturned his vehicle on B-50. Because of the extent of his injuries, he was unable to make an accident statement and was transported to the Bitburg Krankenhaus.

A family member who was traveling on B-257 in Steinborn lost control of her vehicle. It was totaled in the crash.

Despite the fact that he was unable to see traffic because a parked vehicle was blocking his view, a senior airman pulled out into the Hauptstrasse and Stiftstrasse intersection in Spangdahlem village. He was hit head-on by a local national driver, resulting in disabling damage to both vehicles.

A technical sergeant driving too fast for conditions on L-39 between Speicher GLH and the train station lost control of his vehicle. Slamming into a guardrail resulted in disabling damage and the vehicle had to be towed from the scene.

Throughout the past week, six minor crashes resulted from improper backing. Four more resulted from inattentive driving. Two minor crashes resulted from driving at speeds too fast for conditions and two more resulted from encounters with wildlife. One minor crash was from failure to yield the right-of-way. One was from tailgating.

(Information courtesy of Ian Lotan of the 52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis Office)

Awards

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cates; **Jose Tovar**, bronze, silver medal, bronze, silver, gold certificates; **Amanda Krisher**, bronze medal, bronze, silver, gold certificates; **Samantha Krisher**, bronze medal, bronze silver, gold certificates; **William Biasotti**, bronze medal bronze silver, gold certificates.

The first U.S. Air Force airmen in Europe to win the award were Airmen 1st Class Mandingo Alfred and Joseph Nelson, who were each made aware of the program by Congressional Award advisor and validator Naomi Lunsford, a Spangdahlem AB family member.

"I have no doubt that (Mandingo's and Joseph's) hard work and dedication to this program has set the benchmark for their future success in life."

Airman 1st Class Alfred, who needed 200 hours of physical fitness training during the course of a year as part of his eligibility, worked out an average of three hours per day to log more than 400 hours of fitness training by the time of acceptance. He recalled the day he was notified of winning the medal.

"Winning this award was not only a great honor, but it was also fun ... It's something I wish more people would do because it wasn't hard to be of service to others. It's just right thing to do."

-- Airman 1st Class Joseph Nelson, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons loadcrew member

"My mother was the first person I told about winning the award," said Airman 1st Class Alfred. "She and Naomi really inspired me and supported all my efforts."

Though deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, for about three months from February to May 2003, Airman 1st Class Nelson volunteered hundreds of hours over the course of the year assisting Ms. Lunsford with numerous projects for all

age groups. He said he never expected to receive this unprecedented award in Europe. While deployed, he began receiving letters from an outreach program for troops downrange. He responded personally to each one -- 140 letters, all from caring citizens. Some of the letters were from elementary schools in his hometown of East Moline, Ill. He volunteered his time after the military operation to visit the students who wrote to him and tell them stories of his deployment.

"Winning this award was not only a great honor, but it was also fun," Airman 1st Class Nelson said. "It's something I wish more people would do because it wasn't hard to be of service to others. It's just right thing to do," he said.

"Not only is earning the U.S. Congressional Award remarkable for each of the recipients, but the upcoming ceremony marks the first time any wing in Europe has ever hosted such an auspicious event," said Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. "That's huge for everyone in the Eifel community."



Staff Sgt. Peter Rivera, 81st Fighter Squadron workgroup management NCOIC, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Peter Rivera

Unit: 81st Fighter Squadron

Duty title: Workgroup management NCOIC

Hometown: Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Years in service: Six

Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: In support of Operation Enduring Freedom at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, Staff Sgt. Rivera created more than 100 personnel profiles in three months. The NCO's work was key in preparing for deployment swap-outs and enabled 24-hour operations to carry on with zero interruptions and no downtime. Upon his recent return, Staff Sgt. Rivera prepared the 81st FS for its successful computer security inspection while single-handedly running the office.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Member Air Force Sergeants Association and NCO Professional Development Course.

What do you do for fun? Traveling, volleyball and martial arts.

What do you like most about being stationed here? Travel opportunities.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I'd like to see an indoor pool and juice bar in the fitness center.

IEA Scorecard

Project	Coordinator	Percent complete	Estimated completion
Brick House	Eddy Mentzer	100	Complete
Jet Blast Inn AFN decoder	Tech. Sgt. Sean Applegate	100	Complete
Honor Guard uniforms	Tech. Sgt. Randall Reno	100	Complete
Billeting laptops	Master Sgt. Fred Ayers	100	Complete
Loaner transformers	Gertrude Cochran	100	Complete
Batting cages	Mandy Baerman	40	Nov. 30
Bus shelter improvements	Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith	55	Dec. 15
HAS mezzanine	Tech. Sgt. John Murphy	40	Nov. 28
HAS crew shacks	Tech. Sgt. John Murphy	60	Nov. 21
Coffee Mill improvements	Capt. Glenn Gresham	20	Dec. 17
Pavilion improvements	Udo Stuermer	15	June 2004

Gamers wanted



The 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office seeks Xbox gamers to play against family or friends in New York City; Hampton Roads, Va.; Baltimore; Fort Hood, Texas; or Los Angeles for a possible live appearance on a major television program. Call the 52nd FW/PA Office at 452-6012 or 452-6833 for more information.



Eifel Salutes

52nd Operations Group

It's raining coins ... and the weather's great for **Capt. Robert Russ**, **Staff Sgt. Nolan Hildebrand** and **Senior Airman Adam Garrison** who received general's coins for their outstanding performance during a recent visit by Brig. Gen. Thomas Stickford, the Air Force Weather Agency director. Also outstanding was **Staff Sgt. John Nagy**, who received a chief's coin for superior accomplishments from Chief Master Sgt. Penny Braverman Air Force Weather Agency's Enlisted Matters chief. We verify that **Capt. Trevor Wentlandt** deserves a salute for his creation of the "best wing verification seen to date" in his recent scenario. **Capt. Brandon Boomer** gets an "A" for teaching academics and acting as a panel member during the scenario, which prepared the verification team for success!

52nd Maintenance Group

Check out the stars of the 852nd Munitions Support Squadron this week! **Staff Sgt.**

Robert Rutland is right on time with his coordination of squadron, wing and NATO operations. His high-energy approach ensures everyone's in place to execute training and real-world requirements. Get a load of **Staff Sgt. Shawn Shaut**, who ensures near flawless standardization among 24 German and 10 U.S. weapon loaders. His expertise helps develop new aircraft aiming procedures and improve operational safety. It takes two, baby, for **Senior Airman Sandra Homer**, an invaluable member of the two-person control team at the 852nd MUNSS. She helped win the Outstanding Team Performance award during a recent U.S. Air Forces in Europe inspection. **Staff Sgt. Brandon Jacobson** "haz" what it takes to ensure the job standard training outline eliminated several possible safety-hazards.

52nd Mission Support Group

A sure shot is **Staff Sgt. James Grimsley**, who scored a 40 out of 40 in his Air Force combat arms qualification course.

52nd Medical Group

Calling all salutes! **Maj. Robert Kesead**,



Master Sgt. Donna Walle and **Staff Sgt. Andrea Bixler** get theirs for organizing and orchestrating the recent 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander's call. Move over Jay Leno ... **Master Sgt. Carey Shoff** gets a pat on the back for his ever-entertaining and informative commander's call briefings. **Dawn Smith** gets a thanks from Capt. Asha Mandhare for all of her friendly help. Let's deliver a salute to **Capt. Tracy Edwards** for her knowledge, compassion and top patient care on the labor and delivery ward. We're told she made more deliveries than a mailman! **Maj. Raj Woolever** and **Capt. Jay Marque** are fit for salutes for embracing the "Fit to Fight" initiative and completing the Berlin Marathon Oct. 18. **Capt. Marie Louise Assing** stepped up in the emergency room and assisted in the in-patient unit during a surge of arrivals. **Staff Sgt. Marielle Kyle** and **Airman 1st Class Jason Privitera** united to fight tooth and nail in tackling demanding challenges in dental supply reorganization.

Kudos to all, Team Eifel salutes you!

(Compiled by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Members of the 81st Fighter Squadron commander's support staff make up this week's Top Saber Team.

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 81st Fighter Squadron commander's support staff

Unit responsibilities: Provides personnel and information management for squadron members who are deployed and serving on station.

Number of members: Four

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The commander's support staff is the backbone of the 81st Fighter Squadron. The team is responsible for processing all squadron decorations, performance reports, disciplinary actions, personnel actions and providing computer support. Though minimally manned during recent deployments, the team ensured all A/OA-10 pilots and enlisted support members records and personnel information was kept to the Panther's high standard.

Team Eifel should never 'refuse' to recycle

Base housing residents can fix 'trashed' dumpster areas by following local waste rules

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Miguel Ybarra
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

In the past few months military family and government-leased housing area dumpsters, dumpster enclosures and bulk trash areas have been "trashed." To keep the Eifel military community looking its best, Team Eifel members should follow base refuse and recycling guidelines.

Trash containers are overfull while the containers for recyclables aren't nearly as full. In Germany, recycling is mandatory both on and off base. Wing families should separate their trash for proper disposal and recycling. The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight has recycling information available upon request by calling 452-6082.

Piles of trash left on the ground in front of the dumpsters not only look messy, but also prevent refuse contractors from being able to empty them. Base officials are evaluating the need to increase the frequency of trash and recycling pick-ups to solve the overflow problems, but wing families must still manage to pack their trash in the dumpsters provided.

Another common problem is bulk trash that's set out on the wrong day. Bulk trash collection day takes place on the first Thursday of each month. Team Eifel members should



Abandoned bags of plastic and mixed metals lay outside base military family housing recycling bins. This commonly happens when children take out the trash because they're too short to open the containers to place the bag inside. It's the parents' responsibility to ensure children are able to properly use the dumpsters. Also, parents should teach children in which container the trash go -- plastic and metal, paper or trash.

place bulk trash items beside the dumpster enclosures only on the night before. For people who can't wait for bulk trash pickup, the Base Recycling Center (BRC) is an alternative for all wing families. The Spangdahlem Air Base BRC is open

Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The Bitburg Annex BRC is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Electronics, car parts and tires aren't bulk trash. The base doesn't have a contract pick-up service for these items, so wing members must drop them off at the appropriate disposal sites. Electronics can be disposed of at the recycling center. Car parts must be taken to the auto hobby shop. Tires must be dropped off at the Army, Air Force Exchange Service Auto Pride shop.

To pack more into the dumpster, people should compact their recyclables and trash as much as possible before placing them in containers. Parents can even make this chore a game for children by letting them play "stomp the (staple-free) box" before delivering them to the recycling containers!

Non-government quarters residents have been seen using on-base dumpsters to dispose of their trash. The cost of trash disposal is part of the basic allowance for housing, and it's therefore up to residents living on the economy to pay for their own trash pickup. The GLH dumpsters are only sized for GLH occupants and when others use them, they become overloaded. Residents who witness people who live on the economy using MFH or GLH dumpsters should report the violator's vehicle license plate number to their unit first sergeant for action.

For more information about trash and recycling disposal, call the 52nd CES Maintenance Engineering Flight at 452-6183.

Spang's Fighting Hawks sharpen aerial sighting skills by sparring with Eagles during Exercise Saxon Shield

Story and photo by Capt. Jimmy Jones
23rd Fighter Squadron

ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, England -- The 23rd Fighter Squadron is always seeking ways to improve its already formidable air power and the team's on-going deployment proved no different. Fighting Hawks pilots soared with 493rd Fighter Squadron F-15 Eagles and British squadrons in Dissimilar Air Combat Training this past week as part of Exercise Saxon Shield in Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England.

DACT focuses on employing air-to-air tactics that result in the destruction of enemy aircraft with zero losses to our forces. The 23rd Hawks fought F-15Cs, F-15Es, RAF Jaguars, Tornado F-3s, and GR-4s in both simulated allied and enemy air roles. The engagements were primarily four Hawks against four adversaries.

Dissimilar Air Combat Training hones a fighter pilot's skills in the very dynamic, air-to-air environment. Blue allied air fighters employ NATO jets and tactics, while red air fighters are flown employing enemy tactics. Each type of enemy jet employs tactics based on the known capabilities of the jet and weapons simulated. For instance, a vintage MiG-15 Fagot is killed more easily than a fourth generation fighter, such as the Su-27 Flanker. The former is primarily a gun platform, while the latter has a modern radar and radar missiles. Engaging and destroying each requires a unique tactical solution.

"The older MiGs with poor radars and first generation air-to-air missiles require more timely and accurate execution when employed against the threat of today's modern fighters," said Maj. Brian Neumann, 23rd FS pilot.

In sight

Air-to-air engagements test a pilot's ability to search, lock, identify, shoot and kill the enemy. When both sets of fighters are pointing towards each other they are closing at a rate of around 1,000 nautical miles (NM) per hour, or about one NM every three seconds. Typical training engagements start with the allied and enemy fighters about 50-60 NM apart. Since a fighter's



From left to right, Maj. Michael Bruzzini, Capt. Brad Spears and Bryan Tash, Maj. Brian Neumann and Capt. Jason Cockrum, 23rd Fighter Squadron pilots, prepare for take-off at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, as an F-15 lands in support of Exercise Saxon Shield Oct. 30. About 95 Fighting Hawks' members and several of the squadron's jets deployed Oct. 20 for the NATO exercise to provide suppression of enemy air defense in a simulated war scenario. The goal of the multinational exercise was to combine lessons learned from Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, and other recent contingencies to improve allied combat-flying tactics.

radar can only "see" in front of their jets, each group of fighters has their own radar control agency assigned to them. Sometimes it's a ground control intercept (GCI) agency providing the "picture," other times it's an E-3 Airborne Early Warning Component (AWACS) aircraft.

Once the fighter sees the contacts on their own displays they take over targeting responsibility. GCI or AWACS maintains responsibility on untargeted contacts that might be a factor to the fighters. The "picture" that the controller sees is only updated every six seconds. Once the controller relays the picture to the fighter, the contact could be six to nine seconds away from the last known position or about two to three NM.

The speed at which everything happens in an air-to-air engagement is critical to the success of the fighters. The 23rd FS Hawks must follow the timeline precisely in order to lock and shoot another jet and maintain a position of advantage.

Fight's on

"Fight's on" is called and the fighters point toward each other. GCI then describes the overview of the engagement when the flight lead requests "picture." For example, two groups of two jets that are 10 NM apart and side-by-side

would be described as, "two groups, azimuth 10." North group Bullseye 023, 5, 10,000 Bogey. South Group Bullseye 169, 5, 23,000 Hostile." The "Bullseye 023, 5" part is the position of the contacts in relation to a common point on the ground that the rest of the war uses. This tells everyone who is listening that a "bogey" group is located five miles from the common point on a line 23 degrees right of north.

The 23rd FS flight lead takes this information and targets the members of his flight into the contacts as appropriate. The defined rules of engagement tell the pilots what type of group they can shoot into.

Generally "bogey" means that not enough information exists to declare a group "hostile," which means they can be fired upon.

In this case, the Hawk flight lead needs to maneuver his flight into a position that keeps them unnoticed and in an offensive position. After the contact is visually identified and hostile intent determined, they can usually shoot the enemy down. In the end, it depends on the rules set forth by those conducting the war. All of this needs to be decided while the distance between the fighters shrinks one NM every three seconds.

Practice makes perfect

America hasn't lost an aircraft in an air-to-air engagement since the Vietnam conflict, and the last Hawk engagement resulted in a kill in Operation Northern Watch in 1993. Despite the United States' success, DACT is a perishable skill that requires continuous practice.

DACT is a much sought after type of training as it works with different types of jets. Each jet has its own specific radar cross-section so a fighter's radar will see each unique adversary at a different range. An aircraft's physical size also affects the merge, or when the jets are within visual range of each other. A large jet, like an F-15 is more visible than an F-16 at the same range. A pilot who sees his adversary first has the advantage. The F-16CJ's size and powerful GE-129 motor give Hawks a distinct advantage in a within-visual-range fight.

Knowing the strengths and limitations of our jet and those of the enemy determines what tactics the Hawks fly and fight. Training against dissimilar adversaries hones these skills, making Hawk pilots more lethal.

DACT also has other advantages, including improving visual identification skills.

"Our Dissimilar Air Combat Training missions here helped to improve our visual identification skills," said Capt. Brad Spears, 23rd FS pilot. "Many modern fighters look very similar to each other, and learning to properly identify fighters while closing at 690 NM per hour from one and one-half miles away will save the life of members of your flight and prevent the enemy from attacking our coalition forces."

The F-15C is America's primary air-to-air fighter. Its only mission is to engage enemy aircraft and destroy them before they attack our forces.

"(DACT is) one of the most dynamic types of training that we can provide," said Maj. Thomas McAtee. "There are lessons learned from every engagement that extend to every type of mission that we perform in the F-16."



Photos by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle

Triage teamwork Exercise tests German/Ame

Above: A Deutsche Rotes Kreuz medic, in red, simulates treating two ninth-grade Bitburg High School students who suffer from critical injuries while Staff Sgt. Tracie Carter, far left, 52nd Medical Support Squadron exercise evaluator, observes the procedures. The students were among dozens who participated in the 52nd Fighter Wing's Mass Accident Response Exercise at the Bitburg Annex. The scenario involved strong winds and a lightning storm, which caused a fatality, numerous injuries and damage to buildings. The purpose of the exercise was to test and evaluate Bitburg Annex and host nation (DRK) response teams during a major accident. Below: A DRK medic and a 52nd Fighter Wing German firefighter attempt to console Tech. Sgt. Eddie Fowl, who portrays a distressed parent in search of his daughter during the exercise.



Left: A DRK medic sets up a mock IV for ninth-grade BHS drama student Courtney Ash during the MARE. "We enjoyed the exercise," said Torsten Meier, DRK medic. "It's new to work together with American forces here. We have different systems to divide patients into classifications during triage, but it worked out well. Americans take patients to hospitals first, we focus more on triage at the site of a mass accident." Right: In the Bitburg hospital emergency room, Capt. Heidi Staub, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, treats twelfth-grader Brittany Garcia for simulated neck and hand injuries.





Community Mailbox



Chapel news

As of Sunday, the traditional protestant worship service takes place at 10:30 a.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel.

Veteran's Day closures

The following base services are closed Tuesday, Veteran's Day.

- Service Credit Union branch offices
- Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex commissaries

Bank training day

Community Bank branches are closed Wednesday until noon for training.

LaLeche League

A meeting for mothers who are nursing takes place Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex hospital conference room. Children and nurslings are welcome. Call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 for details.

Volksmarching

The Eifel Wanderers take a trip to the Strasbough Christmas market for a candlelight volksmarch in Erstein, France, on Dec. 6. Cost is 25 euro for adults, 20 euro for children. Call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184 or e-mail chatterbox@gruenewald.de for more information.

College Day

Education representatives share information about higher education with Bitburg High School students on College Day, Dec. 4 from 1-3 p.m. in the school. Wing company-grade officers, Department of Defense Dependent Schools faculty and military recruiters will also be on-hand to provide guidance counseling. People interested in volunteering their services can call Capt. Eries Gibson at 452-4018 or e-mail via the global listing for more information.

Family support center news

The following workshops take place in Spangdahlem AB building 307. Call 452-9491 for details.

- Great expectations for parents-to-be, Wednesday at 6 p.m.

- Preseparation consultation for members leaving military service, Nov. 10 at 8 a.m.

- Creative critters preschool group, Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The following workshops take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001.

- Four-to-go for future military retirees, Wednesday at 6 p.m.

- Intermediate English as a second language, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Winter holiday shopping

The Eifel Holiday Bazaar takes place today from noon to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Strollers aren't permitted in the shopping areas. A portion of the event proceeds benefit local military community programs.

Volunteers needed

For more information about the following and other volunteer opportunities, call Kelly Childs, base volunteer programs coordinator, at 452-9491.

- The Airmen's Attic needs volunteers to sort and display donated items from Monday through Thursday from 1-4 p.m.

- Local Department of Defense Dependent Schools seek volunteers to help in the media centers, administrative offices and as student tutors. No experience is necessary, but is helpful. Hours are flexible.

- The Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex Post Offices seek help Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on weekends from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Duties include sorting, processing, customer service and more.

Education services news

The 52nd Mission Support Squadron Education Services Center is located in Spangdahlem AB building 192. Call 452-6063 for more information.

- Embry-Riddle University offers a two-weekend class in aviation accident investigation, which begins Nov. 14. A two-weekend class in management trends and current problems begins Nov. 21. Call Sara Owens at 452-7553 for details.

- University of Phoenix winter session registration takes place now for masters in business administration and masters of arts in education programs. Visit www.uopxoverseasmil.com for dates and details.

AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place each Sunday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2015.

Preschool get-togethers

- Children's story hour takes place each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel library, building 139. Call the base chapel office at 452-6711 for details.

- A preschool playgroup meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon in Spangdahlem AB Military Family Housing building 409-C. A playgroup also meets each Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in Bitburg Annex Temporary Living Facility 2. Call Michele Linnen at 452-8288 for details.

- Children's story hour takes place each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Library and each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Library. Children ages 2-5 are invited. Call 452-9056 for details.

Legal assistance hours

The 52nd Fighter Wing Legal Office provides legal assistance each Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-3 p.m., and Wednesday and Friday from 8-10 a.m. A German legal advisor is available Monday-Thursday from 8-11 a.m. Walk-in hours are each Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pet care

The Veterinary Treatment Facility provides care by appointment only each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. it's open for medicine pickups. The facility is located in Oberweiss building 1094. Call 452-9388 for details.

Club Eifel Happenings

The following events take place at Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

Today

- Seafood lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members.

- Stripes Lounge: Crazy Mike's Madness buffet from 5-7 p.m. Freaky DJ blasts variety hits from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

- ECL: 52nd Fighter Wing commanders social starts at 5 p.m.

- Mongolian barbecue from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$.40 per ounce for members, add \$3 for non-members.

Saturday

- Stripes Lounge opens at 4 p.m.

Sunday

- Breakfast buffet from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.95 for members, \$4 for children ages 6-12. Cost is \$10.95 for non-members, \$7 for children. Youth ages 5 and younger eat for free.

- Stripes Lounge opens at 4 p.m.

- Ballroom family "Bingo" at 5 p.m.

Monday

- Country lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members.

- Stripes Lounge: Melvin's Maniac Monday "Bring Your Own Stein" Night offers \$1 drink specials.

Tuesday

- Closed for Veteran's Day

Wednesday

- Italian lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members.

- Stripes Lounge: Wacky Wednesday "Trash Cash" giveaway.

Thursday

- Bar Extravaganza buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members.

- Shrimp feast from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$9.95 for members, \$5 for children. Cost is \$12.95 for non-members, \$8 children. Youth ages 5 and younger eat for free.

- Stripes Lounge: Thirsty Thursday offers \$1 Bitburger Stubbies from 6-8 p.m. Karaoke 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.



Call 452-6090 for more information.



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Natural strength

Four Team Eifel members showed their strength at the International National Bodybuilding Federation competition Saturday in Darmstadt, Germany. The contest promotes drug-free lifestyles. Competitors even had to pass polygraph tests to qualify, according to Tech. Sgt. Anthony Duigou, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron member and event competitor.

Congratulations wing winners:

👍 **Tech. Sgt. Duigou**, first place men's lightweight division

👍 **Melissa Duigou**, first place women's lightweight division

👍 **Amy Montgomery**, first place women's heavyweight division

👍 **Leo Davis**, second place men's heavy-weight division

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Col. Stephen Mueller

Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

■DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil

■Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126

■To PA in building 23.

■Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

Month
Sortie
Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	58	68	10
A-10	46	50	4

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Honor

Walking in shadows of great airmen

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- At 11 a.m. every Nov. 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. The nation's tribute to those who have committed their lives toward the defense of our freedoms is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "Taps" and the President of the United States urges all Americans to honor the commitment of our military veterans.

I have incredible respect and great admiration for all our veterans; our livelihood is enabled by airmen, soldiers, sailors, Marines and coast guardsmen who have answered our nation's call for generations.

Although the Air Force is a young military service, over the past few years we have proven we're

the world's most respected, all-purpose expeditionary air and space force. We continue to build on the legacy that our veterans created.

World-class U.S. Air Forces in Europe members continue to promote an enduring peace in the European and African area of responsibility. As the world saw in Operation Iraqi Freedom, our Air Force continues to be a quarterback on an all-star team.

As we honor our veterans' service and dedication, it is with a deep sense of gratitude that I am thankful daily for their commitment and service, for without them, we wouldn't have the freedoms we often take for granted.

Thank you, the men and women of USAFE, for continuing the legacy of excellence through your readiness, responsiveness and commitment to service for our nation and the ideals America represents globally.



Letter of appreciation

For deployed A-10 pilot, 'Thank you' notes are not only seen, heard, but also heartfelt

By Lt. Col. Patrick Malackowski
81st Fighter Squadron commander

More than a dozen times these past five-months it's gone something like this:

Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan -- "Lima 21, Lima 21 ... this is Warthog 81, a two-ship of A-10s checking-in with two mark 82s, 2 Maverick missiles, a rocket pod and a full gun ... we're ready for your brief ..."

"Warthog 81, this is Lima 21 ... man ... it's good to hear your voice, thanks, call when you're ready to copy brief ..."

There it was, but I'm certain as you're reading this you missed it. Not only that, but I don't know if you would have "caught it" even if you heard the words.

It's taken me almost 16 years flying the A-10, and 21.5 years of service to our great nation to "feel" that thanks.

I'm currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, flying from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. I'm deployed with almost 250 52nd Fighter Wing Sabers from Spangdahlem Air Base. We're supporting the global war on terrorism. My small part is flying close air support missions for the U.S. Air Force supporting the men and women in the coalition. These forces are walking their way through Afghanistan trying to carve out the evil that came into bright focus to our nation on Sept. 11, 2001.

They (Lima 21 in this case) are a courageous bunch ... staunch, fit and ready, 24-7, whenever you need them. Most are Army soldiers, some are Special Forces and some, too, are Air Force air controllers. All are well-trained and everyday go in harm's way.

I'm quite proud to say I know many. I've served with "them" for years -- the soldier, the airman, the servant who cares and gives and does

his or her best in all conditions. Unfortunately, many of them have been in harm's way these past 24 months. Many have given their lives in battle. All, I assume, have been frightened to the bone at one point or another during their time here.

They've all been fired upon in war. It's my job to keep the enemy from doing just that. It's the Air Force's job to never let the enemy fire at our forces again.

"Warthog 81, this is Lima 21 ... man ... it's good to hear your voice, thanks, call when you're ready to copy brief ...'
There it was, but I'm certain as you're reading this you missed it. ... It's taken me almost 16 years flying the A-10, and 21.5 years of service to our great nation to 'feel' that thanks."

As this commentary began, I wrote of "Lima 21" and of his thanks. I've felt those "thanks" during my time here. I don't know how to describe it better than sharing with you: I've felt those thanks! I know why ... mostly because airpower can take their fear away and place it upon the enemy, and when Lima 21 hears "airpower" talking to him through a radio, he releases his fear. He shares it with another service-member who's doing their part. Additionally, warriors know; they just do. They just share their "fears" and become less terrified.

I offer my thanks to all and if I could I'd make my thanks a "thank you" you could "feel."

I want to thank:

■The 52nd Fighter Wing military members who have supported this mission.

■The other Sabers in the wing who weren't fortunate enough to get selected for this temporary duty, yet are pulling more than their "fare-share" while many are deployed.

■The spouses, who many times too many, go "less noticed" in their service then they should.

■Our host nation landlords and friends.

■Our school teachers teaching our children.

■The children and their honesty and smiles.

■Our Pastors who brighten our days with wisdom.

■The store clerks who care for customer service needs.

■The service professionals at our clubs.

■The stateside Girl Scout troop who sent us their best wishes.

■The literally thousands of well-wishers from across the United States who write letters daily in support of our service members.

■Our parents and friends.

This list goes on infinitely ...

I want to thank the women and men with whom I'm deployed. Their service inspires!

Simply, I wish to pass on my thanks to all of you in the same tone Lima 21 has for me. A "thank you" you can feel!

I know the deployed 52nd FW team wouldn't be successful without each and every one of you. It's my opinion we've been tremendously successful. We share that success because without your support, we never could have made it this far!

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated otherwise. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/-default.asp.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Secondhand Lions (PG)

Walter finds himself spending the summer with a pair of cranky great-uncles. At first he's appalled by their gruff manner, but is then enthralled with their exotic tales about their youthful exploits.

Saturday

Spy Kids 3-D (PG, 4 p.m.)

Under-age agents journey inside the virtual reality world where "Toymaker," wants to take over the world.

Secondhand Lions

Sunday

Spy Kids 3-D

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Marci X (R)

When protest breaks out over Dr. S's new CD, the record producer's pampered daughter takes steps to tone down the rapper's bad-boy edge.

Thursday

Grind (PG-13)

While the rest of his high school graduating class is heading to college, skateboarder Eric and his best friends have one last summer road trip together.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

The Rundown (PG-13)

Beck, a bounty hunter, travels to the jungle to settle a debt. In a turn of events, Beck joins forces with the man for whom he's been searching to seek out hidden riches.

Freddy vs. Jason (R, 10 p.m.)

Freddy Krueger is in hell and resurrects Jason in hopes of once again instilling fear into the hearts of the people of Elm Street.

Saturday

S.W.A.T. (PG-13)

A ruthless band of reward seekers pursues a new S.W.A.T. team when a drug lord offers a \$100 million reward to anyone who can free him from police custody.

The Rundown (10 p.m.)

Sunday

Freaky Friday (PG, 4 p.m.)

Ellen and her daughter wish they could exchange bodies and it happens!

Freddy vs. Jason

Monday

The Rundown

Tuesday

Open Range (R)

Four cattle herders team up to rid a remote town from a ruthless rancher.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Children, get your paper lanterns ready ...

Local communities celebrate man proven by saintly works

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

"Saint Martin was a good man ..." is the beginning of a song thousands of children will sing in honor of the saint and as a part of a German cultural tradition taking place this month.

On Monday, St. Martin's processions take place in the evening, the night before St. Martin's Day on Tuesday. Town residents celebrate the goodness of a French priest who was awarded sainthood for his kindness to humanity.

According to legend, Martin was born in the early fourth century. He was the son of a military soldier who served Emperor Constantine in Szombathel, Hungary. Although other officers mistreated soldiers and slaves, Martin cared for the poor.

While riding outside the gates of Amiens, he encountered a ragged, freezing beggar who asked him for help, but Martin had already given all his pay to the poor. He drew his sword, cut his tunic in two and gave half to the beggar. On the following night, Christ appeared to Martin was baptized soon afterward.

After serving two more years in the army he retired with full honors. Martin then went on to serve as the Bishop of Tours, France, for 25 years until his death at the age of 82.

Saint Martin's Day parades

Today

5:45 p.m.: From the community Koosbuesch fire station

6 p.m.: In the Dreis town center, from the community of Burg/Salm old school complex, from the Baustert/Muelbach town center

6:30 p.m.: From the Bittenbach and Brueckenstrasse intersection in the Bitburg-Masholder community, from the Greverath town center



7 p.m.: From the Bitburg-Matzen community hall

Saturday

6 p.m.: From St. Georg church in Binsfeld, from the Wittlich city park, from Salmstrasse in Bruch community, from the church in Beilingen, from the Bitburg-Stahl community hall, from the Landscheid community school complex, from Oberstrasse in Niederkail community, from the village fountain in Hosten

6:30 p.m.: From the Sefferweich town center, from the Auw community hall

7 p.m.: From the Scharfbillig community hall

Sunday

6 p.m.: From the Gladbach community school grounds, from the Bitburg-Erdorf citizens hall, from the Messerich church

6:15 p.m.: From Schulstrasse in Preist community, from Herforst church

6:30 p.m.: From the Niersbach community center

7 p.m.: From the Dodenburg community old school complex

Monday

6 p.m.: From Dudeldorf community church, from Plein community church, from the Osann elementary school, from the Monzel community hall

6:15 p.m.: From the Speicher community church

Tuesday

5:45 p.m.: From Hetzerath community church, from the Oberweis community church, from the Seffern community school complex

6:30 p.m.: From Burgstrasse in Spangdahlem, from the Bitburg-Moetsch community church, from Minderlittgen citizens hall

World War II museum in Luxembourg shares story of fatal AF bomber flight

Story and photo by Bernhard Shaefer

52nd Fighter Wing Community Relations Office

The 60th anniversary of the "Battle of the Bulge" offers Team Eifel members an ideal time to explore the 385th Bomb Group Museum in Perle, Luxembourg. The museum showcases an interesting facet of air power from World War II. It's about 90 minutes west of Spangdahlem Air Base near the Luxembourg-Belgian border, between Arlon and Bastogne.

The facility is run by a small group of volunteers. It's dedicated to members of the 385th Bomb Group with a special focus on two aircrews who died while flying over Luxembourg on July 12, 1944.

It was the 150th mission for this group. About 28 planes flew over the English Channel from Great Ashfield, England, in a box formation alongside other bomber groups from the 8th Air Force. They were headed to Munich, Germany. Their altitude required the use of oxygen as well as very heavy clothing to ward off the freezing temperatures. Suddenly, near Arlon, France, someone called over the radio saying "mid-air crash." It seems that one aircraft, the "Off Spring" piloted by Capt. White, was caught in the prop wash of another plane and went nose-up into the bomber known as "Curly's Kids" which



The 385th Bomb Group Museum in Perle, Luxembourg, showcases uniforms and authentic military equipment used during World War II. The items displayed were donated by veterans of the 385th BG.

was flown by Lt. McDonald. Out of the 20 crewmen involved in the crash, only two of them survived. One airman, Sgt. Larry Atiyeh, was captured by the enemy. The other, Sgt. Robert McPherson, escaped to the Belgian frontier and was rescued by Maquis guerrilla fighters.

The exhibition was first shown in 1998 and has been growing ever since. The collection was installed for permanent display in the new museum on May 25, 2002. Parts from B-17 crashes from

around the country as well as related equipment and uniforms donated by veterans of the 385th BG are on display. A true highlight is the fully operable flight simulator.

Entrance to the museum is free to all with guided tours available from The Friends of the Group. The museum is open Sundays in June, July and August from 2 till 6 p.m. The museum can be opened on other days by request.

For more information, visit www.385bg.com on the Internet.